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STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON PASSING OF JACK KYSER

"Jack Kyser was an important voice of reason during some of the region's most trying times. During the early 1990's, when Los Angeles was struck by an economic downturn, civil unrest then a devastating earthquake, Jack Kyser assured us we could rebound from those disasters. He reminded us of our many assets, and showed us with evidence that if we had the will to act forcefully, Los Angeles County could regain its momentum as a leading metropolis of the 21st Century. I will always value his strong support for efforts to open a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, which he realized would both greatly improve the quality of health services in the County and serve as an economic engine for the region."

"Jack recognized that the energy, new ideas and resources brought by newcomers to Los Angeles would spur economic growth and innovation. I am sorry he has left us so soon, but pleased Jack lived to see his forecasts validated. Los Angeles County has proven it can overcome even the most daunting economic challenges. As we struggle through our current economic downturn, we are stronger due to the knowledge we gained from Jack Kyser."

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